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SUBJECT: VIETNAM REFUGEES: INQUIRY FROM CHARITABLE
ORGANIZATION IN FRG.

1. A HERR CLAUSEN, WHO WORKS WITH A CATHOLIC WEEKLY PUBLICATION CALLED "NEUE BILDPOST", RECENTLY CALLED AT THE EMBASSY TO DESCRIBE A CHARITABLE UNDERTAKING OF HIS MAGAZINE FOR WHICH HE APPEARS TO HAVE A MAJOR MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITY. DURING THE LAST DAYS BEFORE THE FALL OF SAIGON, "NEUE BILDPOST" COLLECTED DM 1 MILLION TO BRING VIETNAMESE ORPHANS TO THE FRG. IN ORDER TO SELECT A NUMBER OF CHILDREN FOR THIS PURPOSE, IT SENT A MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL STAFF, A MINISTER NAMED W. PIETREK, TO SAIGON. THE MAGAZINE WAS ALSO IN TOUCH, THROUGH THE FACILITIES OF THE FORMER VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN BONN, WITH A DR. THINH IN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTRY (APPARENTLY THE SAME DR. NGUYEN VAN THINH WHO UNTIL RECENTLY WAS COUNSELOR IN THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN BONN).

2. CLAUSEN UNDERSTANDS THAT THINH MANAGED TO SELECT ABOUT A HUNDRED ORPHANS TO BE SENT TO GUAM, MANILA, AND BANGKOK. HE RECEIVED A PARTIAL LIST OF NAMES VIA TELEX
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DATED APRIL 29, BUT HAS HAD NO CONFIRMATION THAT THE

CHILDREN ACTUALLY LEFT VIETNAM. HE HAS HAD NO WORD FROM PIETREK, WHO APPARENTLY DID NOT SUCCEED IN GETTING OUT OF VIETNAM AND WAS LAST SEEN IN FRONT OF THE U.S. EMBASSY ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE U.S. EVACUATION.

3. CLAUSEN WONDERS WHETHER U.S. AUTHORITIES CAN PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS GROUP OF CHILDREN, AND IF INDEED THEY DID MANAGE TO LEAVE SAIGON, WHETHER WE CAN ASSIST IN ARRANGING FOR THEIR TRANSPORT TO THE FRG; "NEUE BILDPOST" WOULD BEAR THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 4 THE LIST OF NAMES WHICH CLAUSEN RECEIVED BY TELEX (AGE IN PARENTHESES).

4. TO GUAM: NGUYEN DINH LAN (12); LE XAN TY (5); HONG TU KY (10); PHAN VAN LAM (9); TRUONG VAN CAN (10); HO THONG MINH (9); TRAN DANH LOI (6); CRINH KIEU SANG (10); TONG VAN CHAN (6); NGUYEN VAN KY (6); LONG VAN CHAN (7); CNI THI VAR AN (12); LE THI HUYEN HOA (10); VAN THI KIM LIEN (11); NGO THI TU CHI (6); CRAN THI VAN LAN (24); CHAM THI BACH TUYET (37); AND, NGO THI THAM (27) (COMMENT: ASSUME THESE LAST 3 WERE INTENDED AS ADULT ESCORTS).
TO MANILA: NGUYEN VAN NGAN (8); TRAN VAN CAN (10); NGO THI LAM (9); NOAM VAN CAC (11); CHINH THI HOAI LAN (5) HO WAN CHAN (6); TRAN VAN BAO (10); LE TRONG TUONG (7); CHINH VAN NGAN (13); BA TTHE CAU (6); LAN VAN DAM (4); CNI LAN NAM (7); VANG VAN THAM (10); CHAU THI NGAN (5); CHUNG VAN THI TAM (6); LAM THI HOI NGA (12); TRAN THI NGA (7); AND, OMINN THI LOAN (6).
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